

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: **NO 9.00am until further notice**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 4th Sunday during School term
(SUSPENDED)

WEDNESDAY: **NO Mass at 10.00am**

Note: A Funeral Mass takes priority over Wednesday mass

RECONCILIATION: **8.30am till 8.45am every Sunday**
(SUSPENDED)

BAPTISMS: Telephone or email office in Young
(SUSPENDED)

WEDDINGS: At least 6 months' notice -
Telephone or email office in Young

WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S, YOUNG

SAT/SUN: **NO 6.00pm (SAT) 9.00am (SUN)**

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 29 MAR. 2020

ACOLYTE: Suspended

MUSIC: Suspended

READERS: Suspended

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Suspended

COUNTERS: Suspended

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 5 APR 2020

ACOLYTE: Suspended

MUSIC: Suspended

READERS: Suspended

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Suspended

COUNTERS: Suspended

CLEANING: Suspended

MEMORIAL BOOK

To have names placed in the book, please fill in the names of the deceased members of our parish and our relatives in the folder at the church rear.

Please fill in the sheet by PRINTING their name and date of death.

These will be placed in a memorial book which can be added to each year.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Mt 21: 1-11;
Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mt 26: 14 - 27:66



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

5th Sunday of Lent - 29 March 2020

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CATHOLIC DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS (YOUNG MISSION) RE: THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

There will be no further Celebration of Masses, Prayer gatherings or Baptisms in the Diocese until further notice.

There will be no Holy Communion distributed to private homes or aged care facilities until further notice.

Reconciliation in Young Saturday 9-30am - 10-00am, outdoors now.

This decision has been made by the Federal Government due to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Daily Mass will be available on the Catholic Voice website online (from 6-00am) each day. You can watch this anytime at a time that suits you best. Please visit: www.catholicvoice.org.au

(ALL CHURCHES ARE TO BE CLOSED 24 HRS EACH DAY)

A PRAYER AT A TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (Archbishop Christopher Prowse)

Heavenly Father,

We praise and thank you for your loving presence, especially in the Lent/Easter season.

We offer heartfelt thanks, dear Lord, particularly for our recent rains. Once again, we come to you in our need. As your children we are in need of your healing and protection.

Just as we have been recovering from our dangerous bushfire summer, we have now been thrown into a fearful coronavirus (COVID 19) autumn.

We are tired and frightened. We feel a sense of panic and future uncertainty on a global scale.

Be with us now, Loving Master. Without you all is nothing - only empty hearts and a total reliance on our own feeble resources.

But with you "there is mercy and fullness of Redemption" (Psalm 130/7). With you there is "the loving mercy of the heart of our God (who) will give light to those who sit in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1/79). It seems that so many public gatherings are now postponed or cancelled.

There is virus death, the sick, and the anxious. We are spending more time on our own, or with family or friends.

We pray for the sick and those looking after them. Help us to offer practical help to those who struggle.

Let us use these times, O Lord, for your greater glory, especially during Lent and Easter. Let us pray more, and truly listen to you more in loving silence, stillness and simplicity.

Almighty Father, you always journey with us in life's challenges. Help us to meet you often in the scriptures and our sacraments.

Increase in us faith, hope and trust.

Protect us from this coronavirus. Remove it from our common home. Heal those who are sick and dying.

Mary, Help of Christians, as always we fly to you in our need. Be close to us and point out your Son, Jesus, to us in this pandemic. St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us.

We make this and all our prayers through Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, AMEN.

PRIEST VISITS

In these pandemic times, if anyone who may be alone in their homes or without internet and would like to have a talk or visit from one of our priests, please ring Fr James or Fr Praveen on (02) 6382-1293 to make a time.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Unfortunately due to the coronavirus, Divine Mercy Sunday has been cancelled in Young on Sunday, 19th April.

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND MPHS

Due to the Grenfell MPHS implementing government regulations regarding visitors to aged care facilities due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Special Ministers will not be allowed to take communion to the MPHS residents until further notice.

GRENFELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS (23rd March 2020 - 5th April 2020)

Due to the coronavirus, this service has been suspended until further notice. Please ring Fr James on (0455) 157-604 for all enquiries.

5TH SUNDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The usual 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service which was to have been held at the Anglican Church on Sunday, 29th March has been cancelled due to a church directive that all Anglican services are to be cancelled as of 29th March until further notice.

MEALS ON WHEELS:

St Joseph's Parish is rostered for Meals on Wheels from Monday, 6th April to Sunday, 12th April.

If you are unable to do your rostered day, please call Deidre Carroll on 02 6343 1574 or (0403) 480-729.

Prayers are requested for John Butcher (Brother of one of our parishioners, Peter Butcher) who is very ill at the moment.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Berry, Neville Wood, Larry McDonald (Husband of Helen, Father of David & Megan and Father-in-Law of Cath & Aaron), Michael Johnston (Husband of Judy)

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN (For the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services)

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,

Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.



PARISH STREET STALL

Thank you to those parishioner who supported the street stall with donations, cooking and other saleable goods and to volunteers who worked on the stall over the two days. Through your efforts and the outstanding contributions from the general public, \$1554-60 was raised.

The winner of the \$100-00 voucher or wood, drawn by Narelle Zammit, was Rodney O'Neill.

Rodney chose the voucher to spend at Mawhood's IGA.

JACK GRANT TURNS 100 YEARS



Our much loved parishioner Jack Grant will turn 100 on Tuesday, 31st March 2020. Jack's family and the parish have been preparing to help Jack celebrate this amazing milestone for some time.

Sadly, the recent coronavirus protocols we are complying with have caused these events to be postponed. We wish Jack a very Happy Birthday and hope we can celebrate with him at a future time. Perhaps parishioners might like to ring and congratulate Jack for his Birthday instead.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All volunteers working with our children (i.e. Acolyte/Senior Server/Children's Liturgy or Catechists) must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).

If your WWCC has expired, or you haven't had one, please address this as a priority.

If you do have a current WWCC, please ensure Cath at the Parish office has your WWCC numbers asap.

Your date of birth will also be required.

(Just google Working with Children Check NSW).

IN ADDITION - All Parish volunteers, regardless of whether they work with children, are to read the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct, then sign and return the acknowledgment form.

This should be done as soon as possible.

More information is available from the following link:

<http://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>

(Alternatively, if you don't have access to a computer, you can read the Code of Conduct form located on the table at the back of the church and then sign the Acknowledgement form & return it in the Grenfell box when it comes back to Young.)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND ON SUNDAY 5TH APRIL



As Daylight Saving Time is about to end on Sunday, 5th April at 3-00am, clocks are turned back 1 hour, so it's easier to remember to just wind your clocks back one hour before you go to bed next Saturday night.